

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Thursday, May 3, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Accavitti, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Huizenga, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer. (18/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Melton. (1/19)

Representative Palsrok made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2007. No objections being offered, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Carl Wood, National Director for Regulatory Affairs for the Utility Workers of America, spoke to the Committee regarding revitalizing the obligation of retail providers; retaining and expanding cost-based regulation for utility-owned generation; establishing a long-range planning process relative to a dedicated supply portfolio and aggressive conservation investment; establishing a state agency vehicle for direct investment in energy infrastructure; and reducing the cost burden of the most vulnerable consumers. Mr. Wood reviewed California's energy situation and that state's approach to electric supply; some aspects of the Michigan 21st Century Energy Plan; details of a regulatory framework that Michigan might pursue as part of its twenty-first century revitalization; and a variety of approaches to serve end-users of the energy infrastructure in light of increasing electric service rates. Questions were answered for Committee members.

Representative Lemmons made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Accavitti declared the meeting adjourned the time being 11:31 a.m.

Representative Frank Accavitti, Jr., Chair

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